

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 186

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Ericka Dixie, the  
2020–2021 Teacher of the Year at Alex Green  
Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to  
specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the  
highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Ericka Dixie is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself  
as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, a librarian at Alex Green Elementary School (AGES), Mrs. Dixie was  
recently named her school's 2020–2021 Teacher of the Year, a most befitting honor for her  
distinguished tenure, as it recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives;  
and

WHEREAS, Ericka Dixie has served in her capacity as librarian at AGES since 2015;  
during this time, her many responsibilities have included maintaining the budget and library  
collection, planning and implementing weekly student lessons, and teaching collaboratively; she  
has coordinated her school's puppet show, pre-K parent workshop, and Triple "A" Achiever  
program and organized and implemented Music Monday, the Titan Up schoolwide program, and  
orchestra; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dixie has also headed the school's YouTube channel and Twitter  
account and served as chair of the book fair and Box Tops for Education program, co-chair of  
ACCESS testing and WIDA testing, and lead for technology and textbook inventory; and

WHEREAS, immediately prior to becoming the librarian at AGES, Ericka Dixie worked as a librarian at Glenclyff High School from 2004 to 2015, and from 1998 to 2004, she served as a librarian at Cockrill Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dixie began her illustrious career in education at Saint Vincent DePaul Catholic School as an art teacher for grades five through eight and a first-grade teacher; and

WHEREAS, an alumna of Tennessee State University, Ericka Dixie earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Family and Consumer Sciences with an emphasis in Child Development and a master's degree in early childhood with certification; she obtained coursework toward a K-12 library science certification from Trevecca Nazarene University in 2001; and

WHEREAS, her many accolades include receiving a Black Voices Micro Grant, a Laura Bush Library Grant, and the Best Reading Voice Award; she is a member of the Tennessee Association of School Librarians and participated in Meharry Medical College's Professional Development Library Externship; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dixie is the daughter of Ronald and the late Dollene Myles, both of whom were educators; she is grateful for the love she shares with her husband, Representative Vincent Dixie, who is the first Black Democratic House Caucus Chairman in Tennessee, as well as her two daughters, Noelle Johanna and Hannah Maria Dixie, and her miniature schnauzer, Whiskers; and

WHEREAS, Ericka Dixie is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who has worked assiduously throughout her career in education to motivate her students, fellow teachers, and staff to reach their full potential as scholars, professionals, and citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dixie truly serves as an inspiration to the faculty and staff at Alex Green Elementary School, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Ericka Dixie epitomizes the dedicated educator who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate librarian Ericka Dixie on being chosen as the 2020–2021 Alex Green Elementary School Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.